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**CONFLICTS & HUMAN RIGHTS  
UNDER DUTERTE**

**A PUBLIC FORUM ON THE ONGOING  
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27 JAN 2017, FRIDAY | 5PM - 8PM | UNISON CENTRE  
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## **Philippines: Conflicts and Human Rights Under Duterte**

***Duterte Government and Rebel negotiating teams in public forum in London.***

Philippines president Rodrigo Duterte has shocked the world in the last few months with an estimated 5-6,000 extrajudicial killings in his “war against drugs”. Already there are reports of political activists being killed under the cover of this campaign by local police and death squads. Much less media coverage has been given, in the confusing reconfiguration of Philippine politics under Duterte, to the current peace talks between the government and the communist-led National Democratic Front (NDF) guerrillas to end 48 years of armed conflict. It is estimated that the armed conflict – the longest in Asia - has claimed around 40,000 lives to date.

This month will see the third round of these talks, which have been sponsored by the Royal Norwegian Government, taking place in Rome. It marks a crucial stage in the negotiations as the agenda turns to economic and social justice, and the issue of the current extra-judicial killings must come under discussion.

The Campaign for Human Rights in the Philippines (CHRP), in co-operation with the UK- based NGO Conciliation Resources and the UNISON Filipino Activist Network, is organising a public discussion in London which will involve both government and NDF negotiators who will have come straight from the Rome talks. The meeting is responding to the enormous interest among the thousands of Filipinos in the UK, many of them working in jobs in health and social services. The UK has the largest Filipino migrant population in Europe.



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#### 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Friday, 5.00pm

The UK public forum on Conflicts and Human Rights under Duterte will take place at 5.00 pm on Friday 27 January 2017 at the UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY. **There will be a special briefing for the press at 6.30 pm where interviews can be held.**

#### 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Monday, 4.00pm

A meeting between the peace teams and MPs will also take place hosted by Nicole Piche, Coordinator/Legal Adviser, All Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group on Monday 30 January, at the Houses of Commons, Room. **There will be an opportunity for press interviews after the meeting from 4.00pm.**

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